



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 5

Monday 15 August

Eagle Cup
GSG v APS (GSG)

Friday 19 August

PUPIL FREE DAY

WEEK 6

Monday 22 August

Book Week

Tuesday 23 August

Eagle Cup—Semi Final

Wednesday 24 August

House Spelling
Competition - 1:00

Thursday 25 August

School Banking

Friday 26 August

Assembly: Pre Primary 1&2

Year 6 Orientation:

NASHS students only

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

2.45pm—3:30pm

Thursday

8.15am—9:00am

*(Located in the Undercover
Assembly Area)*

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Dear Parents,

In-term swimming is coming to a close. Thankfully inside the pool area is nice and warm so students have managed quite well. We have been pleased with the number of students who have passed a stage and tried their best. It is unfortunate that a few students from various classes have not been able to engage in the program.

It is anticipated that next year our older year levels will be completing lessons during term 1 down at Emu Point. These details have yet to be finalised but we hope that this can be put in place.

We thank all the parents who assisted in some small way down at the pool over the past month.

Vacation Swimming Lessons

There is an opportunity to enrol your child into Vacswim for the October school break. Enrolments can be completed by Monday 29 August 2016. See community notices for further information

School Closure for Professional Learning

Some of you might have noticed that the professional learning day for staff was not at the beginning of the term! Please note it is scheduled for **Friday 19 August. This means your child will not attend school on this day!**

Albany PS is hosting over 200 staff for a professional learning program based around the new Technologies curriculum.

School Discos

Get your children polishing up their dancing shoes as the school discos are coming up in week 7. More details will be made available in a special note that will be going out in the near future.

Learning Journeys: Thursday 15 September Week 9

The school will be hosting an evening where parents will be able to come in and look at their child's work in the classrooms during week 9. During that evening we will be conducting a program of entertainment in the assembly area. More details will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

Albany Primary School Website

We are continuing to enhance our website and place information onto this which you may find interesting and useful. Please take a look some time. Recently we posted a document that explains how the school supports students who are experiencing learning difficulties. I must thank Kirstie Colbung for her efforts in assisting us in this matter.

Challenging Your Child

It is apparent that a lot of parents want their child to always be happy and never uncomfortable or challenged. Given a lack of challenge children will not learn to deal with different situations, gain new skills or be able to make informed judgements about actions they can take. To be challenged is to enable learning. Often we hear of people who learn through adversity. While understanding that we don't want unnecessary and unreasonable adversity being challenged is a positive. Challenge your children and help them grow to be independent, resourceful and less likely to be anxious!

Brian Lee,
Principal

Council Corner

At our most recent meeting, an item was raised from a parent enquiring about support for students at educational risks (SAERs), and was expanded through discussion into the nature of inclusion more broadly.

The council discussed the importance of creating an inclusive culture at the school where all students could feel equally valued and welcomed regardless of their circumstance or ability. Examples of how this has been done was shared with the council and included how people with disabilities were included, and how students on individual education plans were supported. Other examples might be class discussion of awareness days such as autism awareness, and Dyslexia empowerment, as well as celebration of various cultures (including NAIDOC) and minority groups.

The school has long established procedures for Students At Educational Risk, and prompted by recent discussion, has now placed these on the website (<http://albanyprimary.wa.edu.au/page/120/Procedures>). I was also interested to read in the recent newsletter that parents were coming together to help support each other, which other parents may wish to follow up. Also, should you have any concerns regarding your own child's development, please discuss with their class teacher in the first instance.

Darren Kay.

P&C News

Our canteen uses parent volunteers for no more than 2 hours, on a daily basis from 8:50 – 10:50am. This enables us to minimise wage costs resulting in cheaper food prices at our canteen. We are currently updating our canteen volunteer list. Please leave your contact detail with Kay & Tracey in the canteen or email your name, contact details and available days to albanyprimarypandc@gmail.com and we will gratefully add you to our list. A big Thank you to those who already volunteer.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 26 August at 2pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Canteen News

Hot Chocolates—\$1.00 are available before school and at recess to warm you up.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 15 August

Erin Thomas

Wed 17 August

Julia Kelly

Thursday 18 August

Amanda Winchester

Friday 19 August

Andrea Noble

Community News



VacSwim

VacSwim programs operate in the October and December/January school holidays. Programs currently do not operate in the April or July school holidays.

Make sure of your place by pre-enrolling before the closing date.

VacSwim has grown from its beginnings in 1919 when five instructors taught 248 children at three venues, to become the largest vacation swimming program in Australia. In recent years, 45,000 children have participated yearly in lessons with more than 1,500 qualified instructors at more than 180 locations throughout the State.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your child can swim competently and safely is a must for all families.

Your child can join in the fun of learning to swim by participating in lessons that are conducted at pools and open water venues.

October 2016

Country centres

27 Sep 2016 to 07 Oct 2016

(9) days

Lessons duration: **40 minutes**

Stages available: **1 - 16 at most venues**

Enrolment Fees

Children	Fee
1	\$13.00
2	\$26.00
3 or more ^[1]	\$35.00

Enrolments close on **29 Aug 2016**

- [1] The family enrolment discount only applies to three or more immediate family members or a blended family living permanently at the same address. Enrolments for extended family (e.g. cousins) or friends must be purchased separately using a different username.
- [2] family living permanently at the same address. Enrolments for extended family (e.g. cousins) or friends must be purchased separately using a different username.

Calm Water / Pool Program Locations

Venue	Lesson times	Stages taught	Entry Fees *	Conditions
Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre (AM)	09:00 - 12:30	1 - 16	Student: \$4.40 Spectator: Free	